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be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may  
be a duty of disclosure.

Foreign Patent Documents

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Other Prior Art

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2. Disposable Transrectal Needle Guide, Civco Medical Instruments Co., Inc., Medical Parkway, 102 Highway 1 South, Kalona, IA 52247.
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The above-listed references are, in the belief and opinion of the undersigned, the closest art of which the Applicant is aware as of this date, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this document be considered and made of record in the above-identified application.

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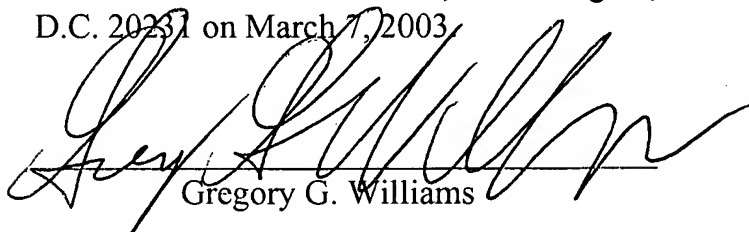
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